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- ❖ New California law passed in July 2004
- ❖ Will go into effect in January 2005
- ❖ Affects families with consumer children 3 to 18 years of age
- ❖ Affects all regional centers

# What is FCPP?



- ❖ Requires qualified parents to share the cost of purchasing certain of their children's services with VMRC
  - ❖ Your family has a consumer child between the ages of 3 and 18 years living at home
  - ❖ Your child is not eligible for Medi-Cal
  - ❖ Your child receives one or more of three specific services purchased by VMRC:
    - ❖ Respite
    - ❖ Day Care
    - ❖ Camp
  - ❖ Your family has an income that is at least four times the federal poverty level



# Family Cost Participation Program Day Care, Respite, and Camping Service Codes



Day Care - Family Member	405
Respite Service - Family Member	420
Camping Services	850
Child Day Care	851
In-Home Respite Services Agency	862
In-Home Respite Worker	864
Out-of-Home Respite Services	868
Respite Facility	869



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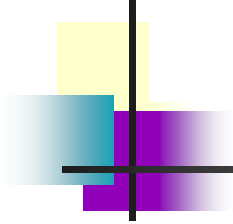


- ❖ You may pay a share of the cost of the services
  - ❖ Called an assessed amount
  - ❖ Based on a sliding scale
  - ❖ From 5% to 80% of the cost of the services
- ❖ If there is more than one consumer child in your family
  - ❖ Your assessed amount will be adjusted
  - ❖ See FCPP table in handouts

# How is my family's income determined?



- ❖ In January 2005 you will receive a letter
  - ❖ Will have 10 days to provide evidence of family gross income
    - ❖ California Tax Return
    - ❖ Payroll Stubs
    - ❖ Other documentation
- ❖ Failure to provide income verification
  - ❖ The assessed amount will be 80% of the cost of the service(s)



# Will the way my child's service needs are determined change?



- ❖ No
- ❖ You, your Service Coordinator and the other members of the Planning Team will:
  - ❖ Identify service needs
  - ❖ Determine the amounts of service
  - ❖ Complete the Individual Program Plan, including documenting the assessed amount, if applicable



# Will VMRC continue paying for my services?

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## ❖ Yes

- ❖ If your family's income is less than four times the poverty level
- ❖ or your consumer child is on Medi-Cal
- ❖ There will be no change in VMRC's purchasing your needed services





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## ❖ Yes

- ❖ Through income determination VMRC assesses the cost participation of your family (assessed amount)
- ❖ VMRC will purchase up to the assessed amount of respite, day care and/or camp if the IPP determines there is a need for one or more of those services
- ❖ You will be expected to pay the service provider your assessed amount for each of the above three services



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## ❖ Yes

- ❖ VMRC will purchase the total cost of any other service the Planning Team identifies as needed in accordance with VMRC's written policies
- ❖ If you have private medical insurance that would cover a service, such as glasses, medication, diapers, etc., VMRC will not fund any costs covered by your insurance

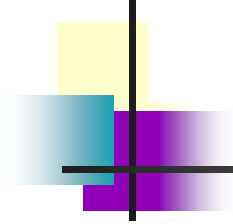


# How often will my income have to be verified?

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- ❖ Once per year at the IPP meeting, or
- ❖ More often if your income or family composition changes



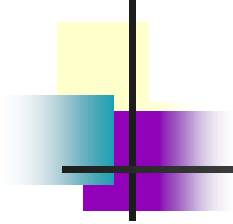
# Can you appeal an error in your FCPP-assessed amount?

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## ❖ Yes

- ❖ To VMRC's Executive Director
- ❖ Within 30 days of VMRC's notice to you of the assessed amount
- ❖ To DDS if VMRC does not find in your favor



# Can you appeal your FCPP-assessed amount due to catastrophic loss or medical costs for the consumer child?



## ❖ Yes

- ❖ To VMRC's Executive Director
- ❖ To DDS if VMRC does not find in your favor